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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph 0075 of the published application as shown below:

[0075] While not illustrated, it will be understood that the hose reel preferably includes a mechanism to distribute the hose across the surface of the drum 116 as it winds, thereby avoiding tangling and maximizing efficiency. Most preferably, the hose reel device 110 employs a mechanism similar to that disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 6,422,500 issued to Mead, Jr. on Jul. 23, 2002, and assigned to the assignee of the present application, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. In particular, that patent illustrates at FIGS. 8A and 8B and related text a method of distributing hose across the hose reel drum by relative rotation between a housing shell with a hose aperture and the cylindrical drum housed within. Mechanisms for linking the rotation of the cylindrical drum along the horizontal axis and the rotation of the surrounding shell can include the spiral groove as illustrated in the incorporated patent, or can include any of a number of other linkage systems.